



## March 17, 2020 Public Update

### Situation Overview

KDHE continues to closely monitor an outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus named coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The outbreak first started in Wuhan, China, but cases have been identified around the world including in the United States. The first case in the United States was announced January 21, 2020. Four new positive cases are announced in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties today. (Please note: Residents of other states tested in Kansas are counted in their resident state's numbers by the CDC and are not included in Kansas numbers. Those are 1 positive from Oregon and 1 from Missouri.)

<b>2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Kansas Test Results</b> <i>Updated 3/17/20 at 10 a.m.</i>	
Positive (confirmed)	15 (1 death included)
Negative	382

Positive Case Information	
County	Number
Butler County	1
Franklin County	1
Johnson County	10
Wyandotte County	3

### KDHE Response Activities

- On March 15, KDHE released new guidance on quarantine recommendations for those who have traveled. Please review this on our website at [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus).
- KDHE has created a toolkit of Kansas-specific guidance to help local public health departments engage with their community partners on COVID-19 planning. It can be found on the KDHE website: [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus). New information is added daily.
- KDHE has a phone-bank operation staffed Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. The phone number is **1-866-534-3463** (1-866-KDHEINF). KDHE also has an email address for general inquiries, [COVID-19@ks.gov](mailto:COVID-19@ks.gov). Please note these contact numbers are for general questions and cannot provide you with medical evaluations. If you are feeling ill, please stay home and call your healthcare provider.